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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 - 7 and add new Claims 8 - 21 as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

- 1 – 7 (Canceled)
8. (New) A refrigerator, comprising:
a thermally insulated housing;
integrated elements in said housing suitable for the supply of potable water,
which can be connected to an external potable water pipe through said
housing; and
the surfaces of said integrated elements provided for contact with said potable
water are at least partly provided with a finish which is effective against
microbes and/or fungi.
9. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 8, including one of said
integrated elements has a surface layer loaded with a chemical substance
effective against at least one of microbes and fungi and a carrier layer
substantially free from said chemical substance.
10. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 8, including one of said
integrated elements integrally is formed of a material loaded with a chemical
substance effective against at least one of microbes and fungi.
11. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 9, including said chemical
substance embedded in a plastic matrix.
12. (New) The refrigerator according claim 9, including said chemical substance
contains a silver compound.
13. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 9, including said chemical
substance contains a zeolite material in which metal ions effective against at
least one of microbes and fungi are exchangeably bound.

14. (New) The refrigerator according claim 9, including at least one of said integrated elements is one of a pipe, a freezer container or a heat exchanger.
15. (New) A refrigerator, comprising:
a thermally insulated housing;
a plurality of integrated elements in said housing for the supply of potable water, connected to an external potable water pipe through said housing, at least one of said integrated elements is one of a pipe, a freezer container or a heat exchanger; and
the surfaces of said integrated elements provided for contact with said potable water are at least partly provided with a finish which is effective against microbes and/or fungi.
16. (New) The refrigerator according claim 15, wherein said integrated elements include a pipe coupled through a wall of said housing and separately coupled to a freezer container and a heat exchanger.
17. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 16, including said pipe has a surface layer loaded with a chemical substance effective against at least one of microbes and fungi and a carrier layer substantially free from said chemical substance.
18. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 16, including said freezer container and said heat exchanger integrally formed of a material loaded with a chemical substance effective against at least one of microbes and fungi.
19. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 18, including said chemical substance embedded in a plastic matrix.
20. (New) The refrigerator according claim 18, including said chemical substance contains a silver compound.

21. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 18, including said chemical substance contains a zeolite material in which metal ions effective against at least one of microbes and fungi are exchangeably bound.